

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number:**

1000-0494

**Case Title:**

Cooke Aquaculture Fish Farm Release

**Subject of Report:**

2018-05-17 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Press Release

**Reporting Office:**

Seattle, WA, Area Office

**Activity Date:**

May 17, 2018

**Reporting Official and Date:**

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**SYNOPSIS**

On May 17, 2018, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) denied a permit application from Cooke Aquaculture.

**DETAILS**

On May 17, 2018, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) denied a permit application from Cooke Aquaculture. This permit was for permission to transport Atlantic Salmon juvenile fish to the Cooke net pens in Rich Passage, near Bainbridge Island, Washington.

In the denial of the permit, WDFW reported that these fish tested positive for the disease known as Piscine Orthoreovirus (PRV). PRV is not a new disease, but this particular strain is a new one and deemed to be an "Icelandic" form. WDFW is concerned that this particular strain would infect native Puget Sound Salmon.

These juvenile Atlantic Salmon will be destroyed by Cooke. WDFW released the attached News Release to the public for review.

**ATTACHMENT**

2018-05-17 Release - WDFW denies permit for company to place...pdf